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Date: January 18, 1972

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (166-New) (P)

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY JOSEPH P. BALISTRIERI, aka Joe

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For the information of the Bureau, on 1/17/72, Special Attorney [redacted] Strike Force, Chicago, Illinois, telephonically furnished the following information concerning the purchase of the Shorecrest Hotel, North Prospect Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during 11/71, by JOSEPH P. BALISTRIERI, son of Milwaukee La Cosa Nostra (LCN) boss, FRANK P. BALISTRIERI.

[redacted] stated that on 11/20/71, a \$150,000 Cashier's Check, payable to [redacted] and close associate of FRANK P. BALISTRIERI, was drawn on the Loan Department of Amalgamated Savings and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] endorsed this check on 11/22/71, which was counterendorsed by JOSEPH P. BALISTRIERI. BALISTRIERI thereafter took this check and purchased a money order for \$150,000 at a Milwaukee bank, the money order being made payable to himself. JOSEPH BALISTRIERI thereafter deposited the money order in his personal checking account at a Milwaukee bank on the same date, 11/22/71.

On 11/22/71, JOSEPH BALISTRIERI wrote two checks, one in the amount of \$15,000. and one in the amount of \$10,000 to [redacted]. These checks were believed to be payment of finder's fees to [redacted] who allegedly set up the sale of the Shorecrest Hotel to BALISTRIERI by [redacted].

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[redacted] inherited the Shorecrest Hotel from his father and has reportedly been attempting to sell this hotel for the past two years at a price of \$2,850,000. The hotel was sold to JOSEPH P. BALISTRIERI for \$1,100,000.

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[redacted] advised that a reliable informant of a non-Federal agency, (determined to be informant of Wisconsin State Attorney General's Office Investigator [redacted], advised of [redacted]

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On 1/17/72, [] was contacted concerning the above, at which time he advised that he possessed no more details concerning the above information, stated his informant was reliable, but refused to identify informant or make him available for questioning by the FBI.

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UACB, Milwaukee will interview [] in accordance with information set forth in this airtel.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (166-510) (C)

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY JOSEPH P. BALISTRIERI, aka
Joe: [REDACTED] - VICTIM
ITAR - EXTORTION

OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 1/18/72.

On 1/27/72, [REDACTED] accompanied by
his attorney, [REDACTED] appeared at the Milwaukee Office
of the FBI.

[REDACTED] adamantly denied that any pressures of any
kind were placed on him to cause him to sell the Shorecrest
Hotel to Attorney JOSEPH P. BALISTRIERI. He stated that he,
[REDACTED] of the Shorecrest
and that in trying to sell it they had received two bids.
[REDACTED] said BALISTRIERI's bid was higher and he sold it to
him. He said he didn't care who he sold to as long as he sold.

[REDACTED] said that ever since the sale of the hotel,
he has been bothered by reporters from the Milwaukee JOURNAL
newspaper who have told him that they understood he was forced
to make the sale and wanted him to admit it so they could
write a story about it. [REDACTED] said that reporters told him
that they knew he had been curbed in his car, beaten, etc. to
cause him to sell. He said none of this was true. [REDACTED]
said that reporters also told him his telephone was tapped
and they would therefore want to see him in person.

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For the information of the Bureau, Special Attorney [redacted] Chicago Strike Force, advised that [redacted] Investigator for the Wisconsin [redacted] had advised that his source of the original information on this matter was [redacted] (not further identified). When advised of the facts of the interview with [redacted] advised on 1/27/72, he saw no need for further investigation in this matter.

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In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted by Milwaukee and this case is being closed.